

## REMARKS


Parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/214,881 is pending, but has not yet issued.

The active claims in this case are claims 10-12. Claims 1-9 from the parent application have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended to recite the relationship with the parent case, namely that it is a continuation.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2508/13240.0004.CNUS01/BNT.

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